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**ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM UNDERWAY AT
DEER CREEK STATE PARK, STATEWIDE**

Heber City – Two local companies have adopted Deer Creek State Park as their own and Utah State Parks and Recreation hopes other businesses and organizations will adopt parks in their community.

“Utah’s 43 state parks are destinations, which bring visitors and tourism dollars to area businesses,” said Utah State Parks Director Mary Tullius. “The Adopt-A-Park Program is an opportunity to bring parks and businesses together for the betterment of their communities.”

Four Seasons Fly Fishers of Heber City and Johnson Mill Bed and Breakfast in Midway have adopted Deer Creek State Park. They’ve agreed to a one-year adoption, which includes a commitment to host three cleanup days at Deer Creek State Park.

“Businesses or organizations can use this new program as incentives for their employees as opportunities to get outside and help their communities,” said Utah State Parks Volunteer Coordinator Robin Watson. “Individuals and families are welcome to adopt a park as well.”

Adopt a park today and help us keep Utah’s state parks beautiful. For information, please call (801) 537-3445 or email robinwatson@utah.gov.

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City -- Remember these three basic navigation rules to be safe on the water: proper lookout, safe speed, and safe distance. These three key principles will

help you avoid a collision with another vessel, a person in the water, or potential water hazard.

The boat operator is required to keep a proper lookout, by sight and hearing, at all times while on the water. Boaters must be aware of where they are going and pay attention to the actions of other boaters. Make sure to look for other boats before making any turns.

Boats should be operated at safe speeds at all times in order to react to potentially hazardous situations. In some situations, the best speed may be wakeless speed. Never operate a boat faster than you feel comfortable or that your skills will allow.

Operate boats at safe distances to have adequate time and distance to react to prevailing circumstances. Utah's Speed and Proximity Law requires boaters to operate their vessel at a wakeless speed when they are within 150 feet of another boat, a person in the water or who is being towed by another boat, shore anglers, launch ramps and docks, designated swimming areas, or whenever in a wakeless speed zone.

For additional boating information go to stateparks.utah.gov or (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS AT ANTELOPE ISLAND STATE PARK

Syracuse - Due to dry conditions, fire restrictions are now in place at Antelope Island State Park until further notice. Only gas grills or charcoal fires in designated fire pits are allowed. No open wood fires are allowed.

For more information, please call (801) 773-2941 or visit stateparks.utah.gov.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

June – August 1 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier
Art Exhibit: Enjoy watercolor paintings by Trina Strong on display in the Sagebrush Art Gallery. (435) 527-4631

June 26 Yuba State Park - Levan
Yuba Treasure Hunt: Join Yuba State Park staff for a global positioning system (GPS) treasure hunt at 3 p.m. at the Oasis day-use pavilion. (435) 758-2611

June 30 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

Bird Watching: Enjoy an easy stroll around the park and learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Binoculars and field guides are provided. Meet at the visitor center at 8:30 a.m. (435) 826-4466

July 2 – 3 Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum - Fillmore
Independence Day Activities: On July 2, enjoy a children's parade and activities beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a game of Rounders at 7 p.m., and end the evening with a youth pioneer dance from 9 to 11 p.m. On July 3, celebrate all day with food, games, entertainment and activities. (435) 743- 5316

July 2 Anasazi State Park Museum - Boulder
Why Cowboys Sing - Music Rooted in the Land and Work of Utah: Join folklorist Hal Cannon at 7 p.m. for a discussion on the Utah musical experience, listen to recordings and songs, and watch a short film he co-produced. (435) 335-7308

July 3 Rock Cliff Nature Center/ Jordanelle State Park – Francis
Junior Ranger Program - Daytime Moon: Children six to 10 are invited to join the park naturalist at 11 a.m. to learn why the moon is up in the daytime. Children earn a badge and certificate. Rock Cliff is located on the southeast end of the reservoir. (435) 782-3030

July 3 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Huber Grove History Tour: Tour historic Huber Grove from 10 to 11 a.m. Visit this beautiful, peaceful area and learn about the Huber family and the Mormon west. Tour is free and open to all. (435) 654-1791

July 3 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Owls – Nature's Super-Duper Mouse Trap: Join the park naturalist as we discover one of nature's most state-of-the-art hunters. We'll discuss owl adaptations, and then go on a short owl prowl to try and locate these masters of the night. Program begins at 8:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

July 3 Yuba State Park – Levan
Fire Safety: Join us at 6 p.m. at the Oasis day-use pavilion for a program on fire safety. Learn tips on how to be safe around campfires and fireworks. (435) 758-2611

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